

REMARKS

To expedite prosecution, Claims 21-22, 39-47, 53-64 have been canceled without prejudice.

Specifically, the cancellation of Claims 21, 22, 53-59, 63, 64 obviates the rejection of these Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ball (5,689,135).

The cancellation of Claims 21, 39, 42-47, 53, 54, 64 obviates the rejection of these Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pai et al. (6,503,776).

The cancellation of Claims 60-63 obviates the rejection of these Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ball (5,689,135).

Accordingly, after cancellation of Claims 21-22, 39-47, 53-64, the only remaining rejection is the rejection of Claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster (6,552,416).

Claims 50-52 are patentable over Foster (6,552,416).

Applicants respectfully submit that reliance on Foster (6,552,416, hereinafter Foster) as prior art for the purpose of rejecting Claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is improper.

Applicants represent that both Foster and the invention of this application, serial number 10/015,374, filed December 12, 2001, were, at the time this invention was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Amkor Technology, Inc., Chandler, AZ (US).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Foster is not prior art by operation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) for the purpose of rejection of Claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants respectfully point out that 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1) states:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject

matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Foster, cited as prior art by the Examiner, meets the requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) related to common ownership or common obligation of assignment at the time of the invention of this application, serial number 10/015,374. In addition, Foster qualifies as prior art, if at all, only under subsection (e) of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Finally, the current application was filed after the effective date, (November 29, 1999), of applicable amendments to 35 U.S.C.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 50-52 are allowable over Foster. New Claims 66-79, which depend from allowable Claim 50, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 50. New Claims 80-94, which depend from allowable Claim 51, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 51. All new Claims read upon the previously elected species and/or depend from an allowable generic claim.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

As to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(3) sets forth:

An amendment touching the merits of the application or patent under reexamination may be admitted upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.

Applicants note the rejection of Claims 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster (6,552,416) is presented in the Office Action dated May 10, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is the first opportunity for Applicants to respond to the rejection. Further, this Amendment places the application in a condition for allowance.

Thus, Applicants have shown good and sufficient reasons why

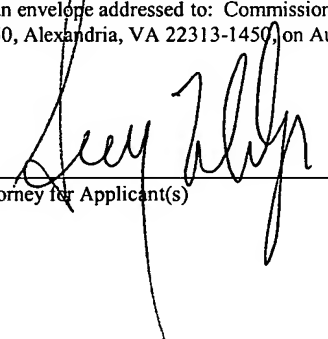
this Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented and submit that this Amendment is entitled to entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Conclusion

Claims 50-52, 66-94 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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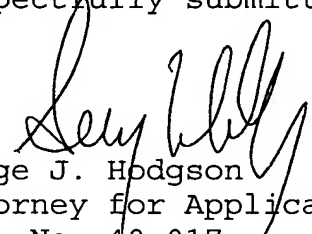
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